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ABSTRACT

The directory of the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (VLA) is designed to provide artists with state-by-state basic information on income eligibility requirements, administrative fees, and legal services in the United States and Canada. The volume also indicates which groups give seminars, conferences, and workshops. Available publications and newsletters are listed and university affiliations are furnished. The document also specifies which VLAs have model documents, arts-law books and periodicals, and which provide accounting or business advice and other non-arts-law related services. Originally developed in 1985 in conjunction with the first National VLA Conference, the directory's intent is to facilitate communication among the 39 existing and future VLA organizations and to provide legal assistance in the arts community with the most accurate portrait possible of the VLA network. A list of other VLA programs is included. (TRS)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE VLA NETWORK

This update of the National VLA Directory, with descriptions of Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts programs throughout the U.S.--and one in Canada--marks a rapid expansion of legal services for artists over the last year. Nine new VLAs have been added to the list of groups providing legal assistance to the arts community. The idea for such organizations first was realized in New York City sixteen years ago, when four lawyers saw the need for an organization to help struggling artists and arts organizations obtain the legal counsel they lacked and couldn't afford. Today, in New York alone, over 900 attorneys are volunteering their time and expertise to the increasing number of artists seeking to exercise their legal rights and to understand the laws that affect their work.

Around the country, there are now thirty-nine independent VLAs providing similar services. VLAs are established members of the arts and legal communities in San Francisco, Houston, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle, Denver, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. New programs have been developed in Los Angeles; Missoula, Montana; Raleigh, North Carolina; Trenton, New Jersey; Augusta, Maine; and Narragansett, Rhode Island, to name a few. Whether part of local arts councils, state arts agencies, operating through bar associations or independently incorporated, VLA programs are working to help artists and arts organizations find their ways through an often confusing and always frustrating legal system.

Origins of the VLA Directory

With generous funds from the Ford Foundation, this directory was originally developed a year ago in conjunction with the first National VLA Conference. Its intent is to facilitate communication among existing and future VLA organizations and to provide the arts community with the most accurate portrait possible of the VLA network. The Directory continues to be useful in directing artists and groups looking for legal assistance in their own communities or in places where their work is being performed or exhibited. It has been helpful to VLA administrators in providing information about their groups' guidelines and programs. And certainly the Directory has been helpful in encouraging a dialogue among existing VLAs and those just starting out who want to know what is being done in other cities.

How to Use This Directory

VLA programs vary greatly. This directory is designed to provide the basic information on income eligibility requirements, administrative fees and legal services. We would like to emphasize that many VLAs allow exceptions in these categories. As complete information as possible is given; however, it is not possible to list all the extenuating circumstances. For instance, several VLAs adjust income

eligibility requirements for individuals to allow for dependents and business deductions; one VLA provides emergency counseling to large arts organizations who exceed the income eligibility requirements for organizations under normal circumstances; and many VLAs waive administrative fees in hardship cases. If anyone has a question about his or her eligibility for a particular organization's services, make sure that the organization is called directly.

We have indicated which VLAs give seminars, conferences and workshops, but leave it up to you to seek out up-to-date information on topics and frequency. Publications and newsletters are listed, where available, and university affiliations, such as internship programs, are also furnished. Under Resource Library, we usually assume VLA libraries have arts-law books and periodicals, and therefore usually specify only where a librarry offers model documents. In the Other Services category, we have designated which VLAs provide accounting or business advice and other non-arts-law related services.

Updating the Directory

We hope that the network of VLA programs will continue to expand. It is our goal to gather information on newly-formed groups and changes in existing organizations, and to release an updated Directory in another year. Please let us know as changes occur in your organization so that we can maintain up-to-date information on our VLA network.

Best wishes for a happy and productive year.

Jennifer Moyer
Executive Director

January 1986

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS--LOS ANGELES (Founded 1985)
P.O. Box 57008
Los Angeles, CA 90057
(213) 489-4060

David Rose, Esq., Incorporator

Area Served

Los Angeles County

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $15,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget not to exceed $150,000

Administrative Fee

$25

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

None

Publications

Info-Arts--Resource Bibliography

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

BAY AREA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (BALA) (Founded 1974)
Fort Mason Center
Bldg. C
San Francisco, CA 94123
(415) 775-7200

Alma Robinson, Esq., Executive Director

Area Served

Primarily Bay Area; occasionally other states and other countries

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

BALA members: $20

Non-BALA members: $25

Fees can be reduced, deferred or waived; administrative fees may be waived for individuals whose monthly income is under $750

Legal Services

Fees for legal services determined by client's income; special pro bono and moderate fee panels, as well as full fee, are maintained

Educational Programs

Seminars, workshops, conferences. Every two years, training programs in the techniques of arbitration and mediation are offered.

Publications

The Artists' Survival Manual (Scribner's)
Musician's Guide to Copyright (Scribner's rev. ed.; BALA original)
Author Law & Strategies: A Legal Guide for the Working Writer (Nolo)
Museums: Artist-Museum Relationship
The Art of Deduction: Income Taxation for Performing, Visual and Literary Artists (3rd ed.)
Legislative Masterpieces: A Guide to California Arts Law
An Introduction to Contracts for Visual Artists

The Working Arts series
Vol. 3 #2 Independent Publishing: Contracts & Finance
Vol. 3 #1 Photography & Copyright/Film Contracts

Publications (cont.)

Vol. 2 #4 Crafts & the Law
Vol. 2 #3 Special Performance Issue
Vol. 2 #2 Special Film & Video Issue
Vol. 2 #1 Art & Business Issue
Small Claims Court Supplement
Estate Planning Supplement

BALAgram, a bi-monthly newsletter, is sent to members and subscribers

University Affiliation

BALA accepts clinical students from the law schools at the University of California at Berkeley, Stanford, Hastings, Golden Gate and the University of San Francisco.

Resource Library

Sample contracts indexed for visual, performing, literary and media arts, as well as books on non-profit management, copyright, contracts and other business topics relevant to artists are available. The library is open two Saturday mornings a month, as well as during regular office hours.

Other Services

Arts Arbitration and Mediation Services, a national model program, provides dispute resolution services for artists and arts organizations. A specially trained panel of artists, arts administrators and lawyers is available to conduct hearings. Fees are $25 or five percent of the amount in controversy.

CANADIAN ARTISTS' REPRESENTATION ONTARIO (CARO) (Founded 1968)
345-67 Mowat Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M6K 3E3
CANADA
(416) 534-8218

Garry Conway, Executive Director

Area Served

Ontario

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $40 membership fee

Organizations: $60 membership fee

Legal Services

CARO offers paralegal information services to its members free of charge

Educational Programs

None

Publications

Copyright for Canadian Visual Artists
Copyright and Canadian University Slide Libraries
Moral Rights in Copyright
CARO-OAAG Artist-Public Gallery Exhibition Agreement
CAR/FAC Recommended Minimum Fee Schedule
Model Agreements for Visual Artists: A Guide to Contracts in the Visual Arts
The Artist-Gallery Partnership, A Practical Guide to Consignment
Taxation Information for Canadian Visual Artists
The Cost of Earning as a Visual Artist
Brief to the Special Committee for the Arts
Sex Politics & Censorship
OFAVAS Brief to the Special Committee on Pornography & Prostitution
CARO Bulletin
other non-arts-law related publications

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Selection of artists' business, law and arts administration references from Canadian and international sources. Open to public by appointment only.

Other Services

CARO provides a wide range of lobbying and information services for its members and other practicing artists in Ontario.

COLORADO LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (COLA) (Founded 1979)
770 Pennsylvania
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 866-2617

Holly Bennett, Esq., Executive Director

Area Served

Primarily Colorado

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income under $10,000 for individual or couple

Organizations: Annual operating budget under $100,000

Administrative Fee

$15 per member referral

$30 per non-member referral

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Seminars and conferences, including annual conference, "The Business of Art"

Publications

Arts Advocate (newsletter)

University Affiliation

Internship program with the University of Denver Law School

Resource Library

Open to general public; only COLA members may check out books

Other Services

Business counseling on a limited basis

CONNECTICUT VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (CTVLA) (Founded 1976)
Connecticut Commission on the Arts
190 Trumbull Street
Hartford, CT 06103-2206
(203) 566-4770

Brian J. Anderson, Legislative Liaison, Connectict Commission on the Arts
Coordinator, CTVLA program

Area Served

Connecticut

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Guidelines undergoing revision

Organizations: Annual operating budget below $50,000

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Annual conference for attorneys

Publications

None

University Affiliation

Legal intern from University of Connecticut Law School

Resource Library

Model documents

Other Services

None

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS (LCA) (Founded 1977)
VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS
1424 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Suite 105
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 328-7918

Joshua Kaufman, Esq., Executive Director

Area Served

Washington, D.C., Maryland, North Virginia

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Adjusted gross annual income not to exceed $10,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget under $50,000 and 501(c)(3) status

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Seminars and workshops

Publications

Art of Investing in Art

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Noncirculating library for public use

Other Services

None

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON AREA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (WALA) (Founded 1984)
2025 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 608
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 861-0055

Sheila Berman, Executive Director

Area Served

Primarily Washington, D.C.; occasionally Maryland, Virginia, Delaware

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income minus Schedule C arts-related business deductions not to exceed $12,000 (single); $18,000 (family)

Organizations: Annual operating budget under $150,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $20

Organizations: $50 (nonprofit incorporation)
$25 (all other matters)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Two conferences yearly—one for artists, one for lawyers—covering contracts, copyright, and business practices

Publications

The Nuts and Bolts of Arts Law Practice
Arts Law Bibliography

University Affiliation

No formal affiliation; have had legal and arts administration interns from American, Georgetown, George Washington, and Howard Universities

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Resource Library

Limited; for public use

Other Services

Developing accounting services program

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts program (not yet incorporated)
Pinellas County Arts Council
400 Pierce Blvd.
Clearwater, FL 33516
(813) 462-3327

Peggy MacLeod, Executive Director

Area Served

Pinellas County

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Referrals made to lawyers who offer pro bono services to artists and arts organizations

Educational Programs

Professional development workshops for artists and arts organizations--many of which deal with legal issues and tax issues

Publications

No arts-law related publications

University Affiliation

Stetson Law School

Resource Library

Foundation and grant information; arts management and arts education publications; VLA publications; fundraising information

Other Services

Artists referrals, arts education, grants writing and research, marketing and public relations

BROWARD ARTS COUNCIL (Founded 1980)
100 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
(305) 357-7457

Mary A. Becht, Director

Area Served

Broward County

Income Eligibility Requirements

In process of development

Administrative Fee

In process of development

Legal Services

In process of development

Educational Programs

No arts-law related educational programs

Publications

No arts-law related publications

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Model documents

Other Services

None

BUSINESS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ARTS/MIAMI (Founded 1985)
c/o Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
1601 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 350-7700

Clara Boza, Executive Director

Area Served

Metropolitan Dade County and 27 municipalities

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Ongoing programs; some arts-law related workshops

Publications

Newsletter

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Noncirculating; open to public

Other Services

BVA matches volunteers to nonprofit arts organizations in need of management expertise; workshops on specific management topics

GEORGIA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (GVLA) (Founded 1975)
32 Peachtree Street, Suite 521
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 577-7378

John Eaton, Executive Director

Area Served

Georgia

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Net annual income below $7,500

Organizations: Annual operating budget below $300,000

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

None

Publications

An Artist's Handbook on Copyright

University Affiliation

Informal, joint sponsorship of activities with Emery University and University of Georgia Law Schools

Resource Library

Noncirculating; open to public

Other Services

Georgia Volunteer Accountants for the Arts

LAWYERS FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS (LCA) (Founded 1972)
623 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 300-N
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 427-1800

Joan Kurlan, Esq., Executive Director

Area Served

Illinois

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Adjusted gross annual income not to exceed $7,500

Organizations: Annual operating budget not to exceed $100,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $10

Organizations: $25

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge to income-eligible clients; expanded Referral Service for applicants ineligible for pro bono counsel.

Educational Programs

Noon-time Seminar Series on arts-related legal and business topics; conferences; speakers bureau

Publications

LCA Quarterly
Arts Administration: How to Set Up and Run a Successful Nonprofit Arts Organization

Bibliographies:
- Law and the Visual Arts
- Theatre Arts and the Law
- Literary Arts and the Law
- Copyright Law and the Performing Musician
- Film & Video and the Law
- Fundraising & Not-for-Profit Management
- Tax Law and the Arts
- Technical Assistance Resource List
- Model Forms and Contracts

Publications (cont.)

Resource Kits*:
- Law & the Practising Artist
- Creating & Maintaining a Not-For-Profit Arts Organization
- Legal Aspects of Photography
- Legal Considerations for Filmmakers & Video Artists
- Dancers, Dance Companies & the Law

* other titles available

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Non-circulating; open to the public; model forms & contracts

Other Services

None

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS Committee (Founded 1984)
Cedar Rapids/Marion Arts Council
424 First Avenue N.E. P.O. Drawer 4860
Cedar Rapids, IA 52407
(319) 398-5322

Alexandra Tomes, Executive Director

Area Served

Cedar Rapids, Marion, Iowa City, Mt. Vernon, Kalona, Hiawatha and eastern Iowa

Income Eligibility Requirements

In process of development

Administrative Fee

In process of development

Legal Services

In process of development

Educational Programs

Seminars

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

Plans to involve area accountants in service

COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL (Founded 1980)
609 West Main Street
Louisville, KY 40202
(502) 582-1821

Robin Hite, Community Relations Manager

Area Served

Louisville

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income under $15,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget under $25,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals and organizations: None

Nonprofit Incorporation: $15 (filing fee)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Workshops planned twice yearly on fundraising, public relations, board development, and an Arts Forum

Publications

Bi-yearly newsletter; Artist Registry

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

Accounting referrals; marketing and management consultants; grants program

LOUISIANA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (LVLA) (Founded 1984)
c/o Arts Council of New Orleans
ITM Building, Suite 936
2 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 523-1465

Ginny Lee McMurray, Assistant Director, Arts Council of New Orleans

Area Served

Louisiana

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $15,000 (plus $1,000 for each family member)

Organizations: Annual operating budget not to exceed $100,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $15

Organizations: $25

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

None

Publications

None

University Affiliation

LVLA works with Tulane University Law Clinic, and the clinic handles selected cases

Resource Library

Available at Arts Council of New Orleans

Other Services

None

MAINE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS PROJECT (Founded 1984)
Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities
55 Capitol Street
State House Station 25
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-2724

Daniel T. Crocker, Asscciate, Management Systems

Area Served

Maine

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $10,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget not to exceed $10,000

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Arts-law related seminars

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

MARYLAND LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (Founded 1985)
c/o University of Baltimore School of Law
1420 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(301) 685-0600

Kirk Kolodner, Esq., Executive Director

Area Served

Maryland

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $12,500

Organizations: In process of development

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $10

Organizations: $40

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

In process of development

Publications

In process of development

University Affiliation

University of Baltimore School of Law

Resource Library

In process of development

Other Services

None

THE ARTS EXTENSION SERVICE (AES) (Founded 1973)
Division of Continuing Education
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003
(413) 545-2360

Craig Dreeszen, Education Coordinator
Linda R. Flynn, Office Manager

Area Served

Massachusetts; occasionally other northeastern states

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

After referrals, attorney determines if assistance is to be no cost, reduced fee, in exchange for client's artwork, based upon the financial ability of the client, or at his or her regular rate

Educational Programs

Provides speakers on arts law upon request

Publications

No arts-law related publications

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Open to public

Other Services

Technical assistance for organizations and artists; seminars in arts management, marketing for artists, and a Basic Business Workshop

LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ARTS (Founded 1976)
The Artists Foundation, Inc.
110 Broad Street
Boston, MA 02169
(617) 482-8100

Dorothea Boniello, Director of Artist's Services

Area Served

Massachusetts

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income under $10,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $10 for referral or directory service

Legal Services

Income-eligible individuals receive legal services free of charge. Artists with incomes above the criteria may use a Directory of participating attorneys and accountants. Legal services do not cover established not-for-profits

Educational Programs

Conducts "Taking Care of Business" workshops which include sessions on the legal concerns of artists. Plans for educational programs for the legal community

Publications

No arts-law related publications

University Affiliation

None. Legal interns apply independent of their academic affiliation

Resource Library

Model contracts and forms

Other Services

Accountants for the Arts; arts management workshops; fellowship programs

MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (MVLA) (Founded 1983)
1283 Leeward Drive
Okemos, MI 48864
(517) 349-9850

John C. Scherbarth, Esq., Director

Area Served

Michigan

Income Eligibility Requirements

In process of development

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Fee based on each artist's ability to pay

Educational Programs

Seminar in conjunction with the Arts Section of the State Bar

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

MINNESOTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (MVLA) (Founded 1974)
c/o Fred Rosenblatt
100 South 5th Street; Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 374-1500

Fred Rosenblatt, Esq., President

Area Served

Minnesota

Income Eligibility Requirements

Determined on a case-by-case basis

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services generally provided free of charge; in cases where fees are charged, they are negotiated between artist and attorney

Educational Programs

None

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Yes

Other Services

None

ST. LOUIS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ARTS (SLVLAA) (Founded 1981)
c/o St. Louis University School of Law
3700 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 658-2778

Marvin Nodiff, Esq., President (314) 725-5150
Caroline M.C. Komyati, Esq., Executive Director (314) 425-6913

Area Served

Primarily St. Louis metropolitan area; rest of Missouri; part of Illinois; in process of establishing Kansas City VLA

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals:	Size of Family Unit	Maximum Gross Annual Income
	1	$10,500
	2	$12,500
	3	$14,500
	more	$ 2,000 for each additional family member

Organizations: Annual operating budget below $100,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals and organizations: None

Nonprofit Incorporation: $5.00 (this includes copy of To Be Or Not To Be)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Seminars on law and business practices for artists; provides speakers for arts organizations and art schools

Publications

None

University Affiliation

St. Louis University School of Law

Resource Library

None

Other Services

Accounting services program

MONTANA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (not yet incorporated)
c/o Joan Jonkel, Esq.
P.O. Box 8687
Missoula, MT 69807
(406) 721-1835

Joan Jonkel, Esq.

Area Served

Western Montana

Income Eligibility Requirements

In process of development

Administrative Fee

In process of development

Legal Services

In process of development

Educational Programs

Arts-law seminars

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS OF NEW JERSEY
A special project of Center for Non-Profit Corporations (Founded 1982)
36 West Lafayette Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 695-6422

Judith Trachtenberg, Esq., Deputy to the President, Center for Non-Profit Corporations, Director, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of New Jersey

Area Served

New Jersey

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $15,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget not to exceed $100,000

Administrative Fee

(optional) Individuals: $10

(optional) Organizations and non-profit incorporation: $25

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

In process of development

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

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Other Services

Advocacy for non-profits; technical assistance; benefits for members; management training

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS PROGRAM (Founded 1972)
Albany League of Arts (ALA)
19 Clinton Avenue
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 449-5380

Susan Reich Supple, Executive Director

Area Served

Offers services to members in the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady; occasionally the immediate surrounding area.

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $12,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget less than $100,000

Administrative Fee

None. Must be ALA member

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge for income eligible clients; otherwise, client and attorney negotiate fee

Educational Programs

No arts-law related educational programs

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

ALA conducts seminars geared toward arts managers and individual working artists

ARTS COUNCIL IN BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY (VLA program founded in 1984)
700 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 856-7520

Pamela F. Ferris, Administrative Coordinator

Area Served

Primarily Erie County; all of Western New York

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income under $10,000

Organizations: Operating budget under $100,000

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $10

Organizations: $25 (nonprofit incorporation)
$20 (all other matters)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

No arts-law related educational programs

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Model documents

Other Services

Seminars on grantswriting and marketing

HUNTINGTON ARTS COUNCIL, INC. (Founded 1963)
213 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743
(516) 271-8423

Cindy Kiebitz, Executive Director

Area Served

Huntington

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Artists and attorneys negotiate fees

Educational Programs

No arts-law related educational programs

Publications

Arts-law related publications

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Arts-law related materials

Other Services

Seminars and conferences in arts administration

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (VLA) (Founded 1969)
1560 Broadway, Suite 711
New York, NY 10036
(212) 575-1150

Jennifer Moyer, Executive Director

Area Served

Primarily New York metropolitan area, frequently New York state, other states and foreign countries

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $10,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget $100,000 or less

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $25

Organizations: $100 (nonprofit incorporation)

$50 (all other matters)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Biweekly seminars on nonprofit incorporation and tax exemption; workshops locally and nationally; conferences on topical legal issues (cable production, profit-making by nonprofits); speakers bureau

Publications

Columbia-VLA Journal of Law & the Arts
Fear of Filing: A Beginner's Guide to Tax Preparation and Record Keeping for Artists, Performers, Writers and Freelance Professionals
To Be or Not To Be: An Artist's Guide to Not-For-Profit Incorporation
Pressing Business: An Organizational Manual for Independent Publishers
The Buck Starts Here: Enterprise and the Arts
Artist's Housing Manual (available spring 1986)
An Artist's Guide to Small Claims Court
The Writer's Legal Guide*
Cultivating the Wasteland*
In Art We Trust*

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Publications (cont.)

Not-for-Profit Manual*
The Rights of Authors and Artists*
The Legal Guide for the Visual Artist*
* Publications distributed by VLA

University Affiliation

Five-credit clinical program with Columbia University School of Law, Fall/Spring semesters

Summer internship program open to all qualified first and second-year law students

Resource Library

Noncirculating, open to the general public; model contracts and forms

Other Services

None

DUTCHESS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL (DCAC) (Founded early '70s)
12 Vassar Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(914) 454-3222

Judith M. Levine, Executive Director

Area Served

Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, Putnam, and Northern Westchester counties

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income less than $10,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget less than $100,000

Administrative Fee

DCAC members:	Individuals	$15
	Organizations	$25
non-DCAC members:	Individuals	$20
	Organizations	$30

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge (except at attorneys's discretion if legal problem requires more than a year's activity)

Educational Programs

No arts-law related educational programs

Publications

Artist Beware
The Visual Artist and the Law

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Yes

Other Services

Information about Dutchess County cultural organizations; workshops and consultants on survival tactics for arts organizations; speakers bureau; publicity; fundraising

NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (NCVLA) (Founded 1983)
P.O. Box 590
Raleigh, NC 27602
(919) 890-3195

Elaine Lorber, Secretary-Treasurer

Area Served

North Carolina

Income Eligibility Requirements

Criteria should be in place by early 1986

Administrative Fee

Fee scale should be in place by early 1986

Legal Services

Referral service should be in place by early 1986

Educational Programs

Seminars for attorneys and workshops for the arts community are conducted on a regional basis. Subject matter covers intellectual property, copyright, contracts, securing and maintaining tax exempt status

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

CINCINNATI AREA LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ARTS (not yet incorporated)
ML003
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH 45221
(513) 475-4383

Karen Kramer Faaborg, Esq., Contact Person

Area Served

Southwest Ohio

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Referral service through Cincinnati Bar Association; no fee for first half hour of meeting with attorney, after that fee is negotiated

Educational Programs

Bi-annual workshops for area artists and arts managers on business and legal problems

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS Program (Founded 1976)
Bar Association of Greater Cleveland
1100 Huntington Bldg.
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 696-1100

William R. Joseph, Chairman

Area Served

Northern Ohio

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $12,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget less than $15,000

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

None

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

Roster of volunteer accountants

PHILADELPHIA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (PVLA) (Founded 1978)
218 South 18th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 545-3385

Dorothy R.B. Manou, Executive Director

Area Served

Philadelphia and neighboring cities; occasionally Delaware and New Jersey

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income less than $10,400

Organizations: Annual operating budget less than $75,000
"Emergency Assistance Program" to assist major institutions in crisis situations

Administrative Fee

Individuals: $10

Organizations: $25

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

PVLA cosponsors major courses with arts colleges and lectures and seminars with cultural and educational institutions

Publications

Legal Guides:
- Guide to Forming A Nonprofit, Tax-Exempt Organization
- Guide to Artist-Gallery Agreements*
- Legal Guide for Emerging Artists*
- Law and the Entertainment Business
- Guide to Copyright, Trademarks and Patents

*Recorded on tape for use by the blind and the handicapped

University Affiliation

PVLA cosponsors a semester-long course, Law and the Arts, with the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Internship program has been instituted with Delaware Law School, Rutgers Law School, University of Pennsylvania and Temple Law School, to provide expanded client assistance

Resource Library

Three-volume sample contract reference manual and general selection of legal and business publications for artists and not-for-profits

Other Services

Evening clinic program

OCEAN STATE LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (OSLA) (Founded 1984)
96 Sachem Road
Narragansett, RI 02882
(401) 789-5686

David M. Spatt, Esq., Director and Head Counsel

Area Served

Rhode Island and Southeastern New England

Income Eligibility Requirements

None

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Regularly scheduled Arts and Entertainment Law Clinics where artists and organizations may receive free private consultations with attorneys; volunteer and reduced fee clients are otherwise considered on a case-by-case basis

Educational Programs

Workshops on arts-law issues; seminar at Rhode Island School of Design during the 1985-86 school year

Publications

None

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

PLI publications; Writer's and Songwriter's Market; trade books on the music and publishing industry; copyright materials

Other Services

None

SOUTH CAROLINA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (SCLA) (Founded 1980)
P.O. Box 10023
Greenville, SC 29603
(803) 232-6970

C. Diane Smock, Esq., Legal Director

Area Served

South Carolina

Income Eligibility Requirements

Determined on a case-by-case basis

Administrative Fee

None

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Workshops

Publications

None; however, SCLA provides a regular column on arts law for the South Carolina Arts Commission newsletter

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

AUSTIN LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ARTS (ALAA) (Founded 1981)
P.O. Box 2577
Austin, TX 78768
(512) 476-7573

Robert M. Sweeney, Executive Director

Area Served

Austin

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Annual gross income not to exceed $15,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget not to exceed $250,000

Administrative Fee

$15 per referral

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Conferences

Publications

None

University Affiliation

Law student volunteers assist with conferences

Resource Library

None

Other Services

None

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS AND ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE ARTS (VLAA) (Founded 1979)
1540 Sul Ross
Houston, TX 77006
(713) 526-4878

Hinda B. Simon, Executive Director

Area Served

Texas

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Net annual income not to exceed $10,000

Organizations: No income eligibility requirement

Administrative Fee

Clients who require more than a telephone response or single office visit must become members of VLAA:

Individuals:	$20
New Organizations:	$25
Established Organizations:	$50

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge

Educational Programs

Seminars, workshops, conferences, speakers bureau

Publications

Art Law and Accounting Reporter
Newsletter
Handbooks:
- Establishing a Tax-Exempt Arts Organization in Texas
- Taxation of the Visual and Performing Artist
- Financial Management of Nonprofit Arts Organizations: A Guide to Fiscal Survival

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Resource Library

Model documents; information on accounting; books, pamphlets and outlines on art related legal and accounting issues; essential resources (i.e. the annotated I.R.C.)

Other Services

Volunteer accounting service

UTAH LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (ULA) (Founded 1984)
50 South Main, Suite 900
Salt Lake City, UT 84144
(801) 521-5800

Joanne Polanshek, Secretary

Area Served

Utah

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $10,000

Organizations: Annual operating budget less than $100,000

Administrative Fee

$15 pro bono cases

$15 fee-paying cases (entitles client to one half-hour consultation with attorney without charge)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge when client meets eligibility guidelines; fee-paying clients negotiate fees with attorneys

Educational Programs

None

Publications

None

University Affiliation

ULA attorneys teach Arts and Law, a graduate course at the University of Utah

Other Services

None

WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS (WVLA) (Founded 1976)
428 Joseph Vance Building
1402 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 223-0502

Clare Grausz, Esq., Director

Area Served

Primarily Washington; occasionally neighboring states and British Columbia

Income Eligibility Requirements

Individuals: Gross annual income not to exceed $10,000; annual income not to exceed $15,000 for two or more employed adults

Organizations: Must be not-for-profit or considering not-for-profit incorporation

Administrative Fee

Pro Bono Individuals:	$15
Fee-paying Individuals:	$20 (first half-hour of initial attorney consultation)
Pro Bono Organizations:	$20
Fee-paying Organizations:	$20 (first half-hour of initial attorney consultation)

Legal Services

Legal services provided free of charge to income-eligible clients; fee-paying clients negotiate fees with their attorneys

Educational Programs

Several seminars yearly on topics such as Law and the Writer, Tax Planning and Avoidance for Free-lance Art Professionals, Formation and Maintenance of a Nonprofit, Tax-Exempt Organization

Publications

A Guide to Washington's Artist/Dealer Consignment Law
Creators, Collectors and Cultural Institutions
Formation and Maintenance of a Tax-Exempt Organization

University Affiliation

None

Resource Library

Noncirculating; model contracts and releases

Other Services

None

OTHER VLA PROGRAMS

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1295 Prospect Street, Suite C
La Jolla, CA 92037
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and Arts Law Committee
Public Interest Programs
Florida Bar Association
600 Appalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32301-8226
(904) 222-5286

Iowa

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491 West Fourth Street
P.O. Box 741
Dubuque, IA 52201
(319) 556-8552

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Lexington Council of the Arts
161 North Mill Street
Lexington, KY 40507
(606) 255-2951
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421 North Michigan Street
Toledo, OH 43624
(419) 243-3125

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State Arts Council of Oklahoma
Room 640
Jim Thorpe Bldg.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4987
(405) 521-2931

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320 Sixth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219